

# **GILA NATIONAL FOREST**



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## **WILSON FIRE USE FACT SHEET**

**June 7, 2006**

**Location:** Legal description: T8S R20W Section 22, 12 miles South West of Reserve to the east of Highway 180.

**Detected:** June 6, 2006

**Cause:** Lightning

**Management:** **“Wildland Fire Use for resource benefit”** to meet the following objectives: 1) Provide for the safety of firefighters and the public by reducing the fuel load of pine needles and dead and down trees. If this debris is allowed to accumulate on the forest floor, the potential for a large, catastrophic fire is greatly increased; 2) Maintain the grasslands and reduce the number of piñon-juniper and small ponderosa pine trees to prevent them from taking over the grasslands; 3) Increase the quality of grasses and forbs by burning off the dead layer of grasses and adding nutrients to the ground; and 4) Improve habitat conditions for a variety of wildlife species, including elk, deer, turkey, etc.

**Status:** Fire Managers will be monitoring the fire. Burnout operations will take place to protect historical structure.

**Size:** 5 acres

**Resources:** One Engine and one Hotshot crew 22 personnel (Reserve District)

**Note:** Flame will be visible and smoke could be present for several weeks.

If you have any questions about the Wilson WFU, please contact the Reserve Ranger District at (505) 533-6231.